Commission Members Present: Jenny Green, Chair; Avantika Bawa; David Harrelson; Harlen Springer; Matt Stringer, Anne Taylor

Board Members Absent: Christopher Acebo, Michael Dalton

Staff Present: Brian Rogers, Executive Director; Kat Bell, Grants & Office Coordinator; Eleanor Sandys, Visual Arts Coordinator; Liora Sponko, Senior Program Manager.

Welcome and Call to Order
Jenny Green called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Minutes
Taylor moved approval of the July 23, 2021 Minutes. Seconded by Springer. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report
Rogers presented report.

Joint Committee Governance Structure
Springer presented report.

Harrelson asked if visitors are considered a second target audience. Springer said there was discussion about it and he will bring this back to the group. Bawa said to remember the discussion today is just that, a discussion. Stringer asked if we were close to a decision. Springer said they are just now bringing ideas to both boards and will bring their feedback to the Governance discussion. But they have to have decisions made by July 2022.

Harrelson said if the ultimate location changes he would really want the Cultural Caucus in place beforehand to give us more stability. Springer said we would still need to be attached to an agency. Green asked if Travel Oregon has the same cache with the legislature as Business Oregon. Harrelson said that Business Oregon would be preferred.

Bawa reminded Springer about the homework. Springer said he would send out a questionnaire by email. Green said to remember that this discussion if this happened, what is the best way to do it.

Rogers said they will have a joint meeting with Business Oregon to discuss what is happening with this work. Green asked if we went “quasi” could we still be housed in Business Oregon. Rogers said that would be part of the discussion.

Planning Process
Sponko presented report.
Springer asked how the planning process works with the governance structure discussion. Sponko said their deadlines line up in July of 2022. Green asked if they could join the legislative listening session. Sponko said yes she would encourage it.

**Racial and Equity Action Plan**
Sponko presented report.

Harrelson said that Deschutes Brewery was a good example of how to engage with artists of color. [https://www.smokesignals.org/articles/2021/10/14/tribal-member-designs-label-artwork-for-deschutes-brewery-s-seasonal-beer/](https://www.smokesignals.org/articles/2021/10/14/tribal-member-designs-label-artwork-for-deschutes-brewery-s-seasonal-beer/)

**Artist Resilience Program**
Sandys presented report.

Green asked if we don’t get the grant from Weyerhauser where in the budget will be get the $50,000. Sandys said the Weyerhauser grant is separate from the $50,000, so the Arts Commission has to put in $50,000 regardless.

Bawa asked if someone could apply to this program if they received funding last time. Sandys said there is a question on the application about whether they received funding in the past.

Springer asked if the amount should be higher even if this means funding less artists. Sandys said their aim is to be in the sweet spot of highest amount for the most artists. But since they don’t know how many applications they will receive, they don’t know what the awards will be.

Taylor asked if there is a way to get timely feedback from artists about funding. Sandys said they haven’t asked that question to artists.

**Staff Updates**
Sponko presented report.

Stringer said the grant guidelines for Arts Build Communities are difficult to read and understand. Specifically the first two questions are very similar.

Sponko thanked him for bringing it up and said we are open to working on it. She said she’d like to engage with the community to get more feedback on the guidelines.

Bawa suggested getting outside input on the new website.

Harrelson asked for commissioners to receive a notification when the new jobs are posted.

Sandys presented report.

Springer said the artist registry is a great project and hoped it stays open. Sandys said it would. Springer said the information we are receiving will help us in the legislature.

Harrelson suggested a promotion kit be put together for County and Tribal coalitions to promote registration at public events.

**Traditional Arts Recovery Program Oregon Folklife Network**
Sandys presented report.

Green asked where the artwork ends up. Sandys said it is whatever the artist’s plan for it to go. Springer said if there is a requirement that this ends up being seen by the public. Sandys said part of the review process is where the projects will be shown to the community.

Bawa asked if we are going to pay our panelists for their work. Sandys said yes, they are going to receive a stipend. Harrelson said the Oregon Folklife Network allowed panelists to redirect their stipend to a non-profit.

**Commissioner and Staff Updates**

Bawa said that artist Julie Green passed away a few days ago. She suggested that the Oregon Arts Commission make some kind of announcement about it. She said she has a show opening at the Bellevue Art Museum next month.

Green said Central Oregon is trying to have more events in person. Bend Design is taking place next weekend. They’ve had people say they would pull their funding if vaccines were required.

Taylor said she attended the "Fire Stories" exhibit at Art Center East (ACE). It was really well presented - precious old panoramic photos taken in the 30's using an Osborn transit (only 10 ever made) and the modern photographer recreated the photos, which let us see the changes in the forest. last Saturday, there was a blessing ceremony with tribal fisheries and the Wallowa Homeland Project on the Wallowa River for restoration work to the stream. The Elgin Opera House theatre is wrapping up the production of "Matilda" this weekend. Eastern Oregon Film Festival will start October 21. They are also combining a live and virtual format for the festival. Inland NW Orchestra (Pendleton based) will give a concert this Saturday in Wallowa and Grande Ronde Symphony will perform November 16. You may have read or heard that Pendleton Round-Up activities are deemed responsible for a surge in Covid-19 cases. While not everyone is a rodeo fan, this is an important cultural event in Eastern Oregon.

Springer said the book Dune was inspired by Frank Herbert going to Florence. There is a Dune event showing the movie. There is an artist Denny Dyke will be doing drawings in the sand.

Stringer said that Four Rivers is offering vaccinations at their public events. They are also giving out $100 gift cards to inspire vaccinations.

Harrelson said he was contacted by Lake Oswego arts regarding the bond they received and their art in public places program. He is working on Monuments and Memorials with Converge 45. He is working on an Indigenous placekeeping fellowship. He is supporting the Treasury building in placing Native items around the building.

**Adjourn**

Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:21 pm.